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Minutes 02/05/2009

Arlington Recycling Committee - Minutes for Meeting of 2/5/09

Present: Gordon Jamieson (Co-chair), Juli Brazile (Co-chair), Ruth Yanetti (DPW), Paul Addorisio (DPW), Kathy Carusone, Lisa Fenichel, Katrina Wheelock, Pete Howard (Secretary)

Solid Waste Tonnage Status

- Gordon announced that the running 12 month total of solid waste sent to the incinerator in North Andover is still below 16,000 tons/year [update 15,681 tons for 12 months ending Jan '09]

Website updates/upgrades

- The committee owes Joan Roman thanks for a job well done. Recently she posted our minutes from Sep 08 through Jan 09. See the link on town homepage or go to www.arlingtonrecycles.org

Recycling LPs

- Paul reported that according to the DEP nobody recycles LP records. They suggest "reuse" such as sale to collectors or use as decoration.

Does it all fit in one can?

- Paul reported that for his family a week's trash sometimes fits in a standard large trash bag.

WM contract

- Ruth reported that the Town Manager has sent a version of the WM for approval. It will specify single stream recycling at the same price as last year. Includes collection at 4 DPW yard dumpsters

Formal ARC Membership List

- A name & address list was agreed upon: Gordon, Juli Brazile, Pete, Nigel, Elizabeth, Katrina, Anneli, Julie McDaniels. Paul (exofficio). Gordon will submit to Moderator for approval. Ruth will submit to Manager for inclusion in the annual report.

Collection Network Paper - C-board - Books - Clothes

- Paul has developed a GIS map showing all the dropoff sites in town. He will add the Goodwill truck at Stop&Shop w/ hours of operation; the St Agnes dumpster; and additional bins as identified.

- Paul reported that the Stratton principal has the Abitibi contact info. He will track progress.

- Paul/Gordon reported that the Library is interested in a 'got books' bin (to be located in VRZN parking lot) - Paul is working this one - They noted that the Fox Library takes used books.

- There is now a paper bin behind Leslie Ellis School (ACA) - ARC to publicize location to drive use

- Next month we will need a volunteer to draft a promotional piece on the bin network.

Bottle/Can Collection

- Paul provided a list of collection dates CRTs/TVs at which SAVE might collect bottle & cans w/ help from PTOs. Action postponed to next mtg due to Nigel's absence.

Bottle bill - expand to include non-carbonated drinks

- The committee agreed to send a letter in support to our legislators. Katrina will draft.

Peirce school has regular returnable bottle/can collections - ARC to consider publicizing etc

Funding for new tent for SAVE Club

- Committee voted unanimously to reallocate up to \$250 of funds to replace the SAVE Club's tent (Stolen during setup for this past fall's very rainy Community Collection Day).

Community Eco-Fest 3/28 Town Hall

- Ruth handed out a draft flyer and has since emailed a final.

- Paul will sell compost bins for \$40, a \$10 discount which the committee voted unanimously to subsidize up to \$500.
Post meeting comment: Cmte to discuss funding 50% off sale

Community Collection Day

- Juli to contact Stratton PTO about repeating their Got Books transport from the yard to their bin.

Remaining topics not discussed.

- Report to Town Meeting
- School cardboard/books
- Sustainability action plan - Development of solid waste component
- Composting/disposal use - Possible promotion of same and compost bin promotions
- No waste lunch - Promotional work and deployment

Next Meeting Date 3/5 Town Hall Annex 1st Flr